

February 15, 2024

Jennifer Adams
County Clerk
County of Wellington
74 Woolwich Street
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RE: Resolutions adopted by Guelph City Council on February 14, 2024

Dear Ms. Adams,

On February 14, 2024 Guelph City Council met and approved the following resolutions:

1. That Council respectfully request that the County of Wellington supply the necessary resources and tools, as well as monthly statistics regarding daily availability and access to accessible permanent shelter for all those on the “by name” list, as well as data on the number of offers made to individuals for accessible permanent shelter where the individual has turned down the offer.
2. That staff work with Wellington County, front-line workers and unhoused community members to enhance our Encampments on City Property and Road Allowances Operating Procedure, to include fire prevention education for community members staying in encampments in Guelph.
3. That Guelph’s advocacy efforts continue with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Provincial government and the Federal government to address the need for greater municipal funding to deal with housing instability issues, legislative reform to address public space use by-laws, and greater health care funding to address the crisis in our community connected to homelessness, mental health and substance use issues.
4. That in alignment with the County’s Health and Housing symposium, that staff commence a public consultation process on the subject of use of public space for shelter, following our standard engagement principles and practices, and with specific intention and engagement with people with lived experience in encampments and the downtown community.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding these resolutions, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "D. McMahon". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D" and a stylized "McMahon".

Dylan McMahon, Deputy City Clerk

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